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Appln. No.: 10/000,159 Group: 1731  
Filed: December 4, 2001 Examiner: Dionne A. WALLS  
For: SHEET TOBACCO, AND PROCESS AND SYSTEM FOR MANUFACTURING  
THE SAME

**RESPONSE TO A RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D. C. 20231

March 14, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement dated February 13, 2003, the following election and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Reply to Restriction/Election Requirement in the above-identified application.

- ☐ The enclosed document is being transmitted via the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.
- ☐ Petition for \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
- ☒ No fee is required.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$0.00 is enclosed.
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Respectfully submitted,

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